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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CIP UPDATE**

#### **Harrison Avenue Bridge Deck Replacement**

On May 23, 2014 construction began on the Harrison Avenue Bridge to replace the deck over the Rock River. Construction started on the north side of the bridge first. Traffic is shifted to the south side, with one lane of traffic each way. The Bridge will remain open to traffic, but be prepared for possible traffic delays. Construction is expected to be complete by October 31, 2014. Crews will be working Thursday night August 14 from 10:00 pm until 7:00am. Traffic patterns will not change for this work. Please use caution when driving in this area.

#### **Bridge Railing Repairs – 2014**

On May 27, 2014 contractors began replacing three bridge railings throughout the City as follows:

- Bradley Road over Spring Creek
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street over Keith Creek.
- Safford Road over Kent Creek.

This work will be ongoing until complete. All lane closures will occur only during daytime hours. Please use caution when driving in these areas. For questions concerning these projects, please contact Martin Ruvolo at 815-961-3772.

#### **City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #8– 2014**

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2014 package #8 has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to installing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work on Pierpont Avenue at Elm Street and the 200 block of Waveland Avenue. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation during this work.

### **City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #9– 2014**

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2014 package #6 has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work on the 2200 block of East State Street and the 100 block of Rome Avenue. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation during this work.

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Charles Englund (815-961-3152) at the Public Works Department. Thank you for your consideration.

### **U.S. Business Route 20/East State Street** **Illinois Department of Transportation Resurfacing Project** **(Fairview Avenue to Mid-America Drive)**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be resurfacing East State Street from Fairview Avenue to Mid-America Drive during the 2014 construction season. The project scope consists of asphalt pavement milling, pavement patching, inlet and manhole adjustments, traffic signal detector loop installation, new hot-mix asphalt pavement, and thermoplastic pavement markings.

Work will be divided up into three (3) Phases. Phase 1 contains the area from Mid-America Drive to Phelps Avenue, Phase 2 is from Phelps Avenue to Dawn Avenue, and Phase 3 is from Dawn Avenue to Fairview Avenue.

Construction commenced on June 16, 2014. As of July 23, 2014 all hot-mix asphalt binder has been placed for the three (3) phases. Current work items being performed is the adjustment/reconstruction of manholes and inlets and the installation of traffic signal detector loops. Work will occur during the hours of 8:00 PM to 11:00 AM. The road will remain open during construction activities with periodic lane closures. At the completion of work each morning at 11:00 AM all lanes will be re-opened to traffic. The anticipated completion date is late August 2014.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project

Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

**Guilford Road Resurfacing Project**  
**(Comanche Drive to Mayfield Court)**

On August 25, 2014 construction work will begin on the Guilford Road Resurfacing project. The project includes full width pavement resurfacing with new thermoplastic pavement markings on Guilford Road between Comanche Drive and Mayfield Court. The project is expected to take 5 working days to complete and is anticipated to be fully completed by the end of the day August 29, 2014.

Guilford Road will remain open during construction activities, however one-way traffic control with flaggers will be in place while work is occurring. Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

**EVEN THOUGH THE ROAD WILL REMAIN OPEN TO TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, DRIVERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT.**

**U.S. Business Route 20/West State Street**  
**Illinois Department of Transportation Resurfacing Project**  
**(Springfield Avenue to Day Avenue)**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be resurfacing West State Street from Springfield Avenue to Day Avenue during the 2014 construction season. The project scope consists of asphalt pavement milling, pavement patching, inlet and manhole adjustments, traffic signal detector loop installation, new hot-mix asphalt pavement, and thermoplastic pavement markings.

Construction will commence on August 18, 2014 with asphalt pavement milling. The road will remain open to traffic during construction activities with periodic lane closures. The anticipated completion date is late September 2014.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project

Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Tyler Nelson, P.E. in the Public Works Department at (815) 967-4311. Thank you for your consideration.

**Blackhawk Park Avenue & Seminary Street Rehabilitation Project**

Blackhawk Park Avenue & Seminary Street Rehabilitation Project is complete and open to all thru traffic and pedestrians. The City of Rockford appreciates your patience and cooperation during this project.

**US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street Sunset Avenue to West of Bridge Over Kent Creek Roadway Reconstruction**

On August 14, the side streets 1 block north and south of West State Street from Sunset Avenue to West of Bridge over Kent Creek will be closed temporarily to all thru traffic for IDOT's final pavement installation. IDOT will be starting on Central Avenue and moving eastward to Avon Street. Each road will be closed for half a day during construction. It is anticipated that all final paving will be completed end of day on August 15. Drivers are reminded to prepare for alternate routes while traveling in this area.

US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street, Sunset Avenue to West of Bridge over Kent Creek, Roadway Reconstruction consists of the complete reconstruction and widening of Business Route 20 and the realignment of Jefferson Street. This includes pavement removal, excavation, PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, storm sewer installation, retaining wall construction, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all other necessary to complete the improvements. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of August.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project.

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

**IL- 2 / South Main Street – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Roadway Project (South of Pond Street to just North of Cedar Street)**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge is now open to all thru traffic and pedestrians. The City of Rockford appreciates everyone's patience during this closure. Please note that workers are still present near the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Marchesano Drive and South Main Street Intersection. Drivers are reminded to use caution near the work zones.

The project consists of pavement removal, excavation, roadway re-alignment, PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, landscaped median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, storm sewer installation, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all other necessary items to complete the improvements. The project completion date is late 2015.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. The City will relay information as it becomes available.

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

**IL- 2 / South Main Street – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)  
Roadway Project (Beltline Road to 0.4 miles north of Harrison Avenue)**

The Springfield Avenue and South Main Street (Route 2) intersection is now open to all traffic. Please note that only 1 lane is open for both east and westbound lanes while construction crews continue to work on the remaining roadways. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

IL- 2 / South Main Street – IDOT Roadway Project is underway. The project consists of widening and resurfacing, pavement removal and replacement, adding lanes and a barrier median, curb and gutter, adding a bike path, providing right and left turn lanes, and installing lighting and traffic signals. IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. The project anticipated completion date is late 2014.

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Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Austin Crull in the Public Works Department at (815) 987-5637. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Elm Street/Avon Street Resurfacing - 2014**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 construction work began on the Elm Street/Avon Street Resurfacing project. The project includes abandonment of existing water main, valves, vaults, services and associated appurtenances, construction of 8 inch diameter water main, valves, hydrants, services and associated appurtenances along Avon Street from Cedar Street to Elm Street. Along with full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Elm Street – Winnebago Street to Wyman Street
- 2) Rockton Avenue – Chestnut Street to Green Street
- 3) Avon Street – Cedar Street to Preston Street
- 4) Avon Street – Elm Street to Chestnut Street

For questions concerning these projects, please contact Steven Sumner at 815-967-6743.

### **Broadway/Auburn Street Resurfacing - 2014**

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 construction work began on the Broadway/Auburn Street Resurfacing project. The project includes full width resurfacing with major curb and gutter, sidewalk repairs, and ADA ramps, along with driveway approaches and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) 11<sup>th</sup> Street – Broadway to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 2) Broadway – Kishwaukee Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Patching Only)
- 3) Broadway – 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- 4) Auburn Street – Independence Avenue to Furman Street
- 5) Auburn Street – Kent Creek Bridge to Pauline Avenue

For questions concerning these projects, please contact Steven Sumner at 815-967-6743.

### **City Wide Street Repairs Group #3 - 2014**

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 construction work is scheduled to begin on the City Wide Street Repairs Group #3 project. Work will consist of full width resurfacing with major curb and gutter replacement, sidewalk replacement, ADA ramps, driveway approach replacement, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Hutchins Avenue from South Gardiner Avenue to South Highland Avenue
- 2) Sanford Street from Loomis Street to Montague Street
- 3) Kent Street from Sanford Street to Corbin Street
- 4) 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 29<sup>th</sup> Street to 30<sup>th</sup> Street
- 5) 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Full curb and gutter replacement, new curb and gutter installation, sidewalk replacement, new sidewalk installation, driveway approach replacement, brick pavers to be removed and replaced, roadway P.C.C. Patching, with structure repairs as need at the following locations:

- 1) Camp Avenue from Hancock Street to Douglas Street
- 2) Kingsway Avenue Concrete Patching from Larson Avenue to Dempster Avenue
- 3) 10<sup>th</sup> Street Curb and Gutter from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Rail Road Tracks
- 4) Clinton Street Curb and Gutter from Harper Avenue to South 200 feet
- 5) Clinton Street Brick Pavers from Brown Avenue to South 100 feet
- 6) Harper Avenue Curb and Gutter at intersection of Harlem Boulevard and Harper Avenue
- 7) Melrose Street Curb and Gutter at 1825 Melrose Street
- 8) Avon Street Curb and Gutter at intersection of Andrews Street and Avon Street
- 9) Concord Avenue Curb and Gutter from Elm Street to Delaware Street
- 10) Independence Avenue Curb and Gutter from Jefferson Street to Mulberry Street

Full width resurfacing with structure repairs as need, partial reconstruction of roadway with new curb and gutter and installation of new dry wells to help improve drainage in the area at the following location:

- 1) Roosevelt Road from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Collins Street

Alleyway reconstruction with new P.C.C. surface, alleyway approach, sidewalk, and new dry well to help improve drainage at the follow location:

- 1) Alley 138 from the 1600 Block of Keefe Street to the East

For questions concerning these projects, please contact Steven Sumner at 815-967-6743.

